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SUBJECT: DANISH PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PORTUGAL.

1. I CALLED ON AMBASSADOR EIGIL JORGENSE, PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY, MFA, TO PRESENT NEW DCM. HE USED OCCASION TO DISCUSS PRIMIN ANKER JORGENSEN'S TRIP TO PORTUGAL THIS WEEKEND.

2. PRIMIN, TRAVELLING WITH WIFE BUT NO AIDES, WILL ARRIVE IN LISBON AUGUST 10 AND SPEND NIGHT WITH DANISH AMBASSADOR, WHO WILL GIVE LUNNCH FOR HIM AUGUST 11, AT WHICH SOARES, ZENYA AND CAMPINOS WITH WIVES WILL BE GUESTS. CALL IS PLANNED ON BALSIMAO OF PPD AFTER WHICH JORGENSEN WILL MOVE
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TO ESTORIL. RETURN TO COPENHAGEN PLANNED FOR AUG. 13.

3. PERM UNDER SECRETARY WENT ON TO TELL ME THAT PRIMIN HAD GONE TO SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS IN STOCKHOLM AS PARTY LEADER WITHOUT ANYONE FROM FONOFF ALONG SO THAT HE DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAD HAPPENED. NEVETHELESS, HE HAD GAINED IMPRESSION THAT PRIMIN WAS TRAVELLING TO LISBON WITH MANDATE FROM ALL THOSE ATTENDING SOCIAL DEMOCRAT MEETING TO CARRY OUT FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES: (1) TO LEND MORAL SUPPORT TO NARIO SOARES, (2) TO FIND OUT FIRST-HAND WHAT WAS HAPPENING AND (3) TO REPORT BACK NOT ONLY TO FELLOW SOCIALDEMOCRATS BUT TO EC NINE AS WELL.

4. AMBASSADOR JORGENSEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT DANES HAD PROPOSED ORIGINALLY THAT EC NINE GIVE AID TO PORTUGAL WITHOUT POLITICAL STRINGS ATTACHED. THIS PROPOSAL HAD BEEN BLOCKED BY FRENCH FOR DOMESTIC REASONS, ACCORDING TO JORGENSEN'S ANALYSIS, BUT HAD IT GONE THROUGH, JORGENSEN FELT THAT EC MIGHT NOW HAVE GREATER LEVERAGE.

5. UNDER SECRETARY JORGENSEN ADMITTED OBLIQUELY THAT IT WAS RATHER ODD FOR PRIMIN TO TRAVEL TO PORTUGAL IN "PRIVATE CAPACITY" AS SOCIAL DEMOCRAT, WHEN IN FACT HE WAS FLAG-BEARER FROM STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE SENT AT SOARES' REQUEST TO GIVE BACKBONE TO PORTUGESE SOCIALISTS. HOWEVER, UNDER SECRETARY FELT THAT VISIT MIGHT NONETHELESS BE BENEFICIAL IF IT DREW GOP ATTENTION TO FACT THAT LEADERS OF EUROPEAN SOCIALIST PARTIES WERE VITALLY INTERESTED IN DEMOCRATIC OUTCOME IN PORTUGAL. UNDER SECRETARY PROMISED TO KEEP ME BRIEFED AND SUGGESTED THAT I MIGHT WISH TO SEE PRIMIN ON HIS RETURN FROM LISBON.

6. IN FINAL REMARK UNDER SECREATAY SAID THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR EGORYTCHEV HAD JUST CALLED ON HIM TO ASK HIM TO EXPLAIN PRIMIN'S TRIP TO PORTUGAL. WHEN TOLD THAT HE WAS TRAVELLING PRIVATELY AS PARTY LEADER, SOVIET AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT IT SMACKED OF 1917 IN RUSSIA "WHEN WESTERN POWERS HAD TRIED TO INTERVENE TO UPSET NATURAL COURSE OF EVENTS". JORGENSEN SAID HE TOLD SOVIET THAT THERE WAS NO SUCH PARALLEL AND THAT WESTERN POWERS WERE MERELY TRYING TO HELP PORTUGAL OUT OF BAD ECONOMIC SITUATION.

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